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SITES

1. IN PRESS CONFERENCE HELD MARCH 21 KENAN DURUKAN, PRESIDENT OF  
HARB-IS (TURKISH DEFENSE WORKERS' UNION), ANNOUNCED UNION DECISION  
TO GO ON STRIKE IN ALL AMERICAN MILITARY WORKSITES IN TURKEY.  
BOEING INTERNATIONAL SERVICES (REPRESENTING THE EMPLOYER) HAD  
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VIOLATED THE WORKERS' LEGAL AND CONTRACTUAL RIGHTS, HE SAID, AND  
"OUR STRIKE WILL TEACH THE AMERICAN EMPLOYER RESPECT FOR LAW,  
LABOR AND THE TURKISH PEOPLE IN TURKEY." ALL PAPERS CARRIED  
STORY OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE IN BRIEF AND IN LOW KEY MANNER AND  
ONLY ONE OR TWO PAPERS PLACED STORY ON FRONT PAGE.

2. BASIS FOR STRIKE CALL TECHNICALLY RESTS ON FAILURE OF CONCILI-

ATION. THREE ISSUES OF MINOR IMPORTANCE HAD BEEN DRAWN UP IN ARTICLES OF DISPUTE: (A) DELAY IN SUPPLY OF WINTER CLOTHING IN ANKARA AND DIYARBAKIR, (B) PAY RATE PROVIDED A RE-HIRED ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF IN ANKARA, AND (C) CHANGE IN WORKING HOURS AT DIYARBAKIR MESS HALL TO PROVIDE LUNCH HOUR BREAK. ISSUES WERE REFERRED TO CONCILIATION BOARD, BUT BOEING RECEIVED NOTICE OF MEETING TWENTY-FOUR HOURS LATE AND HENCE FAILED TO ATTEND. UNION THEN CLAIMED BOEING IN DEFAULT OF PROPER PROCEDURES AND "CONTEMPTUOUS" OF WORKERS' JUST CLAIMS AND ANNOUNCED STRIKE DECISION. FORMAL WRITTEN NOTICE OF STRIKE HAS NOT YET BEEN DELIVERED TO BOEING AND LABOR DIRECTORATE BUT IS EXPECTED SHORTLY. ONCE WRITTEN NOTICE HAS BEEN RECEIVED UNION HAS TO WAIT SIX WORKING DAYS AFTER WHICH IT CAN LEGALLY INSTITUTE STRIKE AT ANY TIME AND AT ANY OR ALL WORKSITES.

3. ISSUES IN CONCILIATION DOCUMENTS ARE OBVIOUSLY EXCUSES FOR STRIKE ACTION AND REAL REASONS MOVITIVATING UNION HAVE YET TO BE LEARNED. WE HAVE BEEN AWARE OF NUMEROUS MINOR COMPLAINTS AT SEVERAL WORKSITES, PARTICULARLY IN WAKE OF RIFS CARRIED OUT IN RECENT MONTHS, BUT EFFORTS TO RESOLVE THESE AND REMOVE CAUSES OF FIRCTIONS HAD BEEN PROCEEDING NORMALLY. NEVERTHELESS DURUKAN AND SEVERAL OF HARB-IS REGIONAL OFFICERS (ESPECIALLY ZEKI AT INCIRLIK) HAVE REPEATEDLY CHARGED THAT TURKISH WORKERS WERE BEING "PRESSURED" BY AMERICAN AUTHORITIES, AMOUNTING TO A SYSTEMATIC ATTACK DIRECT AGAINST THE UNION.

4. WE WILL CONTINUE TO FOLLOW DEVELOPMENTS CLOSELY AND REPORT  
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